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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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claiming Priority under 35 U.S.C. 119

of application No.: 199 27 762.1

in: Germany

with filing date of: 1999-06-17

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Title: Electrical switching device for overcurrent protection

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231

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